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Office Action Summary

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PALLEY, IGOR

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Devin Hanan

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 and 32-35 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21, 22 and 29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 23-28, 30 and 31 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 8/2/2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 21, 22 and 29 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 21 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kizilos (U.S. Patent 3,588,273).

Kizilos discloses a turbine with one or more blades (figure 4) constructed of discrete straight members (col. 6 lines 26-41) of uniform cross section that are joined to approximate a turbine blade of continuous compound curvilinear design (multiple variable deflection thrusters exist on one blade and are capable of being individually activated to approximate a compound curvilinear design).

Regarding claim 22, Kizilos discloses a turbine with one or more blades (figure 4) constructed of a continuous member (each blade 13-16) of uniform cross section formed into discrete straight sections (col. 6 lines 26-41) so that said formed continuous member approximates a turbine blade of continuous compound curvilinear design

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(multiple variable deflection thrusters exist on one blade and are capable of being individually activated to approximate a compound curvilinear design).

Claim 29 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Quandt (U.S. Patent 5,570,859).

Quandt discloses a turbine with blades constructed of discrete straight members (11 and 13), some members having a non-uniform cross section that increases as proximity to said turbine axis of rotation decreases (figure 1 shows the cross sections of member 13 decrease as you go further from the axis of rotation).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-20, 32-35 are allowed.

Claims 23-28 and 30-31 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Prior Art

The patent to Smith (U.S. Patent 5,263,846) was cited for its teaching of a blade with discrete sections that can form a compound curvilinear shape (figure 1).


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Devin Hanan whose telephone number is 571-272-6089. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Look can be reached on 571-272-4820. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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